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Gentlepersons,

While I am not an attorney I do have an opinion on the anti-trust lawsuit settlement.

This sounds like a normal government debacle. The DOJ has gone after them and gone after them and then settles for nothing.

It is obvious to anyone that uses a computer that Microsoft produces lousy software.

I have operating systems that run on Intel platforms in which uptime is measured in months and years. Not in minutes.

Why does this matter? We always have a choice don't we? No. We don't have a choice. Because of Microsoft's predatory practices and the way they work hard at stifling any competition we no longer have a choice. If a product comes out that works better than theirs they can just bundle their buggy code into the OS and say it's new feature. It's free so people don't want to spend more to get something that really works and they put up with it. The competition then goes out of business due to lack of support. Remember Netscape?

You allow them to keep doing this to competitors and you get what we have now.

Are there alternatives? Yes. But because Microsoft has a fit everytime someone wants to develop software that runs on their OS and a competing OS they throw roadblocks up and start withholding little things that are needed for development.

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